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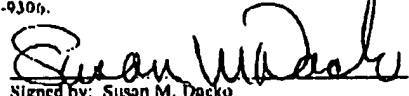
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Application No.: 09/989965 Group Art Unit: 3743
Filed: November 21, 2001 Examiner: Teena Kay Mitchell
Title: FILTERING FACE MASK THAT USES AN EXHALATION VALVE THAT HAS A
MULTI-LAYERED FLEXIBLE FLAP

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Answer mailed October 4, 2004, please amend this application as set forth below.

Upon review of the file, it was noted that the initialed Form PTO-1449 filed with the Disclosure Statement dated March 22, 2004 has not been received. It is requested that the Examiner initial the Form PTO-1449, a copy of which is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience, and return it to the undersigned attorney.

This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

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